

**The  
Royal National  
Institute for the  
Blind**



**Report of the  
Executive Council  
for the Year ended  
31st March, 1958**



John Colligan, O.B.E., Secretary-General of  
The Royal National Institute for the Blind

For 90 years The Royal National Institute for the Blind has provided a comprehensive and ever-widening service to the blind of Britain. It is today the largest organisation of its kind in the world.

# The Royal National Institute for the Blind

*(Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948)*

FOUNDED 1868

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1949

## Patrons

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

President, Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET

President, Chorleywood College  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL

## President

GENERAL THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD ISMAY, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., C.H., D.S.O.

## Vice-Presidents

THE MOST REV. HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, P.C., G.C.V.O.  
THE MOST REV. HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, P.C.  
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, P.C., K.T., F.R.C.S.  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT NUFFIELD, C.H., G.B.E., F.R.S., M.A., D.C.L., LL.D.  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD WOOLTON OF LIVERPOOL, P.C., C.H.  
THE LADY IRENE ASTOR  
LADY (ARTHUR) PEARSON, D.B.E.  
MISS HELEN KELLER, LL.D.  
CHRISTOPHER STONE, D.S.O., M.C.  
LEWIS M. WOOD, C.B.E.

## Chairman of the Executive Council

GODFREY ROBINSON, C.B.E., M.C.

## Vice-Chairman

T. H. TYLOR, M.A., B.C.L.

## Joint Hon. Treasurers

J. H. BEVAN, C.B., M.C., T.D.  
P. F. WRIGHT, M.C.

## Hon. Sub-Treasurer

A. S. HUGHES

### Auditors

JACKSON, PIXLEY & Co., Chartered Accountants,  
Kent House, Telegraph Street, E.C.2

### Bankers

THE WESTMINSTER BANK LTD.,  
Harley Street Branch, 154 Harley Street, W.1

### Hon. Adviser on Properties

SYDNEY A. SMITH, F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I.

### Solicitors

BIRD & BIRD, Gray's Inn, W.C.1  
JOYNSON-HICKS & Co., Norfolk Street, W.C.2

## Secretary-General

J. C. COLLIGAN, O.B.E.

## Headquarters

224, 226, 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1

Telephone Number Euston 5251

# MEMBERS OF THE

(as at 31st

## Group A—Representatives of the Regional Associations for the Blind

*THE REV. R. V. BAINTON, M.A. ALDERMAN MRS. K. CHAMBERS, C.B.E., LL.D., J.P.	}	North Regional Association for the Blind
*ALDERMAN E. A. DICKINSON ALDERMAN T. J. EVASON ALDERMAN N. GARROW, O.B.E., J.P. COUNCILLOR MRS. G. A. KEMBALL, J.P. IAN MCCRACKEN, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. C. G. KAY SHARP, M.D. W. P. SWANN A. J. WETHERELL, F.C.I.S.		
W. GRAVES D. E. MAKIN		
*THE REV. A. G. RINGWOOD, B.A. MISS M. THOROLD		
SIR HERBERT HILES, M.B.E., J.P. COUNCILLOR D. J. RICHARDS W. J. WILLIAMS, J.P.		
ALDERMAN THE REV. B. C. CANN, M.A. G. R. CLARK, F.S.A.A., F.I.M.T.A., D.P.A. *ALDERMAN CAPTAIN J. A. D. COCHRANE-BARNETT, O.B.E. W. A. COOKE G. C. HAINES, F.S.A., A.C.A. ALDERMAN MRS. R. F. ILSLEY ALDERMAN MRS. R. M. STONEHOUSE MISS E. N. WHITOME BERNARD WILSON, M.A. COUNCILLOR MRS. A. F. WOOD, C.B.E., J.P. H. H. YEA		
*SENATOR HERBERT QUIN, C.B.E., LL.D., F.C.A., B.L.		Blind Welfare, Northern Ireland

## Group B—Representatives of Local Government Bodies

W. H. ABBOTT G. H. DAVIS K. GOODACRE, T.D. F. LANGFORD, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. W. F. SERBY, A.C.A. ALDERMAN M. TATE W. E. THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. W. R. WATKIN, M.A.	}	County Councils Association
ALDERMAN S. CAPEWELL ALDERMAN C. A. CHOWN, F.I.O.B., A.M.INST.B.E. ALDERMAN S. COOPER COUNCILLOR C. E. ELLETT COUNCILLOR WILLIAM GROVES ALDERMAN A. E. HOBSON, J.P. ALDERMAN M. J. REPPION COUNCILLOR MRS. M. S. WHITTAKER, C.B.E.		
LADY BENNETT, O.B.E. ALDERMAN MRS. OLIVE G. DEER D. C. R. MUNRO R. PEPPITT, M.B.E.	}	London County Council



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

July, 1958)

## Group C—Representatives of Agencies for the Blind and National Bodies

THE LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE, C.H., C.B.E. ALAN PITT ROBBINS, C.B.E.	}	St. Dunstan's
N. H. WINTERBOTTOM		National Association of Home Teachers of the Blind
MRS. L. M. GETLIFF		National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League
SIR HILARY BLOOD, K.C.M.G., G.B.E., LL.D., M.A. S. B. B. McELDERRY, C.M.G.	}	Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
MISS E. HUNTER		Gardner's Trust for the Blind
J. CORMACK, M.B.E. E. H. GETLIFF, O.B.E.	}	College of Teachers of the Blind
THE VISCOUNTESS BUCKMASTER SIR HAROLD DUNCAN, K.C.M.G., Q.C. HIS HONOUR L. C. THOMAS	}	National Library for the Blind

## Group D—Representatives of Organisations of Blind Persons

*C. G. BARWELL *L. J. F. LYONS, F.R.C.O.	}	National Federation of the Blind
*R. LAURIE *T. H. SMITH, M.B.E.	}	National League of the Blind
*H. BENTLEY, M.C.S.P.		Association of Blind Chartered Physiotherapists
*COUNCILLOR R. H. REES, M.A.		Worcester College Old Boys' Union
*M. C. A. MILSTED, L.G.S.M., M.I.M.I.T.		Royal Normal College Old Students' Guild
*MISS JOAN WOODCRAFT, M.C.S.P.		Chorleywood College Old Girls' Association

## Group E—National Members

W. G. ASKEW, C.B.E. THE HON. GAVIN ASTOR J. H. BEVAN, C.B., M.C., T.D. *PROFESSOR W. G. BICKLEY, D.Sc., F.R.Ae.S. A. L. FIELDING, M.I.C.E., M.I.E.E., M.I.E. (AUST.) A. S. HUGHES GENERAL THE RT. HON. LORD ISMAY, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., C.H., D.S.O. *SIR ROBERT LETCH *C. M. MACINNES, M.A., LL.D. R. B. McDONALD *G. J. I. MILLER, M.A., B.C.L. *JOHN A. ORIEL, C.B.E., M.C., F.R.I.C. *GODFREY ROBINSON, C.B.E., M.C. E. W. SCORER, O.B.E. H. N. STROUD A. F. SUTER, F.R.S.A. *T. H. TYLER, M.A., B.C.L. MAJOR-GENERAL B. T. WILSON, C.B., D.S.O. E. C. WOODALL, O.B.E., M.A. LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. T. WRIGHT, D.S.O., O.B.E. P. F. WRIGHT, M.C.
--

*\* Blind Members are distinguished by an asterisk*

# The Royal National Institute for the Blind

## SEVENTY-FOURTH REPORT

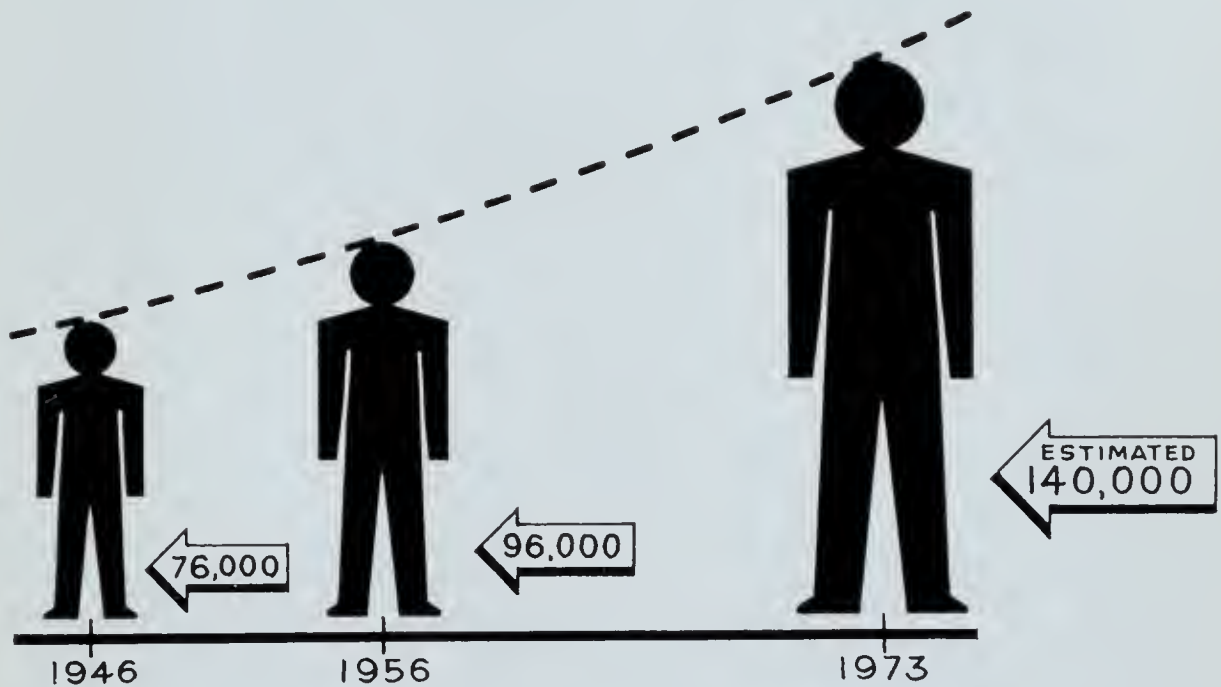
The R.N.I.B. serves all Britain's blind. By that criterion the year has been one of undeniable success, witnessing the reinforcement and expansion of all our services whenever opportunity has occurred. That these same services have involved us in a total expenditure substantially in excess of £1,000,000 serves merely to emphasise the vital role which the Institute now plays in the lives of those without sight.

Our aim has always been the alleviation of the handicap of blindness so that those who cannot see may yet take their places in a sighted world as competent, contented members of society. We are, therefore, a little proud that our Placement Service has this year succeeded in finding industrial and commercial employment for one trained blind man or woman for every working day. Uncertainty and even prejudice, it is true, are still to be found among a percentage of employers, but these are being overcome. The blind worker is his own best ambassador.

For the newly-blind, four hundred of whom found, at our rehabilitation centres, hope when none existed previously; for the students who borrowed nearly eleven thousand volumes from our lending library of Braille text-books; for the children and the aged; for all these and many more, the R.N.I.B. has striven by every means at its disposal to lighten the burden which the blind must bear. In this Report we have tried to tell you something of the manner of our striving. Much has been done; much remains to be accomplished. That many thousands of blind men, women and children regard us as their friends, this is our inspiration.

GODFREY ROBINSON  
*Chairman.*

## Our increasing responsibility. . . .



Although the incidence of many of Man's disabilities is being brought steadily under more complete control, that of blindness proves an obstinate exception. On the contrary, as medical science increases our expectation of longevity, blindness, too, increases at an alarming rate. Registration figures for the immediate post-war decade showed an upward surge in the number of blind of approximately twenty-five per cent, and this rise is still apparent. In his book *BLINDNESS IN ENGLAND, 1951-1954*, Professor Arnold Sorsby estimates that, if the present trend is maintained, the blind population of this country will, by 1973, have reached the unprecedented total of one hundred and forty thousand.

# Truly a National Organisation

There are some 200 voluntary organisations for the blind in this country, of which the vast majority operate within a limited local area. They provide that intimate, personal relationship which is so important to those without sight and which can only be achieved by one with its roots in the district, with first-hand knowledge both of the people and of local conditions.

Many essential services, however, are too large in their concept to be undertaken by local bodies; others are too small and specialised in character to be performed by other than a large national organisation possessed of a wealth of experience and resource.

This is the role played by The Royal National Institute for the Blind in helping to create a national pattern of blind welfare unequalled anywhere in the world. Its services, which are available to every registered blind man, woman or child in Britain, are specifically designed to complement those provided locally. To any organisation which cares to avail itself of them, its help and advice—based on long experience of the especial needs of the blind—are freely given.

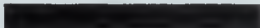












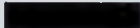


To reduce the multiplicity of appeals to the public, the Institute has entered into agreement with all local organisations willing to do so to a total of approximately 80 per cent of the whole in England and Wales. In these areas fund-raising is undertaken by unified effort providing for rational allocation of income to local and national requirements.

Deeply concerned with every aspect of blindness and its prevention, and maintaining a comprehensive library and information bureau on all matters relative to blindness, the R.N.I.B. has pioneered many experimental projects which have since become standard practice in blind welfare. Administering a number of societies such as the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, the Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Servicemen's Fund, and the Guild of Blind Gardeners, The Royal National Institute for the Blind is, in short, solely and simply a voluntary national organisation dedicated to the well-being of the blind.

The many and varied means by which it achieves this end and the substantial expenditure which this effort entails are presented in simplified form on the facing page. Succeeding pages provide more detailed accounts of the work of individual departments and of the men and women whom we serve.



# How R.N.I.B. Services helped all Britain's Blind

Combined Collecting Schemes	⇒	Distributed to 2 national and 91 local societies for the blind	⇒		17%	£185,909
Capital Expenditure	⇒	New buildings, furnishings and equipment	⇒		3%	£28,479
Sunshine Homes	⇒	9 Homes for Blind Babies and Little Children	⇒		10%	£107,106
Public Schools	⇒	Higher education at Worcester and Chorleywood	⇒		6%	£63,235
Condoover Hall School	⇒	Care and education of blind children with other handicaps	⇒		4%	£41,804
Further Education	⇒	Physiotherapy School and other establishments	⇒		4%	£44,053
Twelve Homes and Hostels	⇒	280 residents, 1,794 holiday and convalescent guests	⇒		10%	£109,971
Rehabilitation Centres	⇒	416 newly-blinded adults given new confidence and courage	⇒		4%	£41,738
Placement Service	⇒	Securing jobs in open industry and commerce	⇒		2%	£25,477
Braille Production and Students' Library	⇒	600,000 books, magazines and newspapers	⇒		9%	£93,723
Apparatus	⇒	For use at work and leisure ; heavily subsidised	⇒		6%	£67,303
Talking Books	⇒	Over 5,000 " readers " enjoy free library service	⇒		5%	£56,572
Home Working Scheme	⇒	245 blind people employed in their own homes	⇒		5%	£59,230
Tobacco and Confectionery Kiosks	⇒	A demonstration scheme of blind shopkeepers	⇒		9%	£95,798
Assistance, etc.	⇒	Financial grants and other help in many ways	⇒		5%	£54,927
Administration	⇒	Central administration cost for all the above	⇒		1%	£15,232

at an aggregate expenditure of £1,090,557

# A YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT

## Work with young children

It is in the earliest years of a child's life that the foundations of his future development are laid. Especially is this period important in the case of a handicapped child, for the opportunity then of secure and steady growth may well determine the outcome of succeeding stages of training and education.

The nine Sunshine Home Nursery Schools maintained by the Institute provide just such an ideal environment. Nothing can take the place of the natural and spontaneous affection which a family can give, but a handicapped child needs more than this. He needs time to explore the world about him, patient and individual attention allied to a wealth of experience of his especial needs. All these the schools furnish in an atmosphere comparable to that of a good, cultured home where happiness is the keynote.

The Sunshine Home is a community of twenty-four gay, adventurous children and a staff whose sole aim is their present and future well-being. On this premise is the children's education based. They are encouraged to help in the kitchen and the garden, to take turns with the shopping and to ask innumerable questions. Thus they learn and in the learning prepare themselves for more formal education later.

A recent development of this happy influence has been the growth of the "family" system, under which the children are divided into small groups resembling, as nearly as is possible, real families. Each has its own rooms and staff, one of whom receives the honorary title of "Mother", and in this more personal atmosphere the children find greater purpose in their activities. Washing-up their own things after meals becomes fun; visiting another family assumes all the importance of a genuine outing; even the friendly rivalry between families adds spice to games and lessons alike. Particularly has this experiment been found helpful to severely handicapped and backward children, of whom an increasing number is being admitted to the Sunshine Homes.

This increase in the number of additionally handicapped children to be admitted has of late been very marked. Although, inevitably, progress is sometimes painfully slow, the fact that many children who would otherwise have remained totally dependent have, as a result, been started on the road to independent development, is a source of no small pride and satisfaction.

## The older additionally handicapped child

In the spacious rooms and extensive grounds of Condover Hall, in Shropshire, the Institute takes a further step in the education of multiply-handicapped blind children. For it is here that seventy-eight boys and girls, the majority between the ages of 9 and 16, are being taught to develop, despite their heavy burdens, into socially acceptable personalities.

Success at Condover cannot be measured in terms of high scholastic achievement. Rather is it gauged by the ability of the school to turn seriously retarded and severely handicapped children into adults capable of attending to their own personal day-to-day requirements.

The promise of a generous gift of £20,000 from the Variety Club of Great Britain has this year made it possible for the Institute to proceed with long-desired extensions to the Deaf-Blind



They learn to explore, with safety and freedom, their garden "countryside"

Through play and work, fingers become nimble and replace unseeing eyes





Unit. This will enable us to increase the accommodation nearly threefold, so that for fifteen children we may now strive to broach this double barrier.

Plans have also been put in hand for the building of a heated, covered swimming pool in which young limbs, crippled and inadequate on land, may find a kinder medium.

So well has Conover fulfilled its purpose and so great is the consequent demand for admission that the need for a second similar school has now become imperative. Our search for a suitable building culminated this year in our acceptance of an offer by the Ministry of Works to make available to us the historic Rushton Hall, near Kettering. It is expected that, after necessary repairs and alterations, the Hall will be ready for our children by the end of 1959.

## Helping Parents

Parents of a blind child frequently, and understandably, are at first perplexed and worried. They know little of the special facilities that exist for his upbringing, training and future education: they are at a loss to know what is best for the child. The advice and guidance of these parents is, therefore, an important aspect of the work of the Institute's Education Department.

The year has seen an increasing number of visits to Sunshine Homes by parents seeking consultation with the experienced, sympathetic staff. At the Parents' Unit, a cottage in the grounds of the Sunshine Home at Abbotskerswell, many families have benefited from the common-sense and the kindly advice of the Head. Living in circumstances as similar as possible to their own home life, parents are enabled to watch their child at work and play with the other blind children and to learn that over-protection may be a stifling influence in the development of their child.

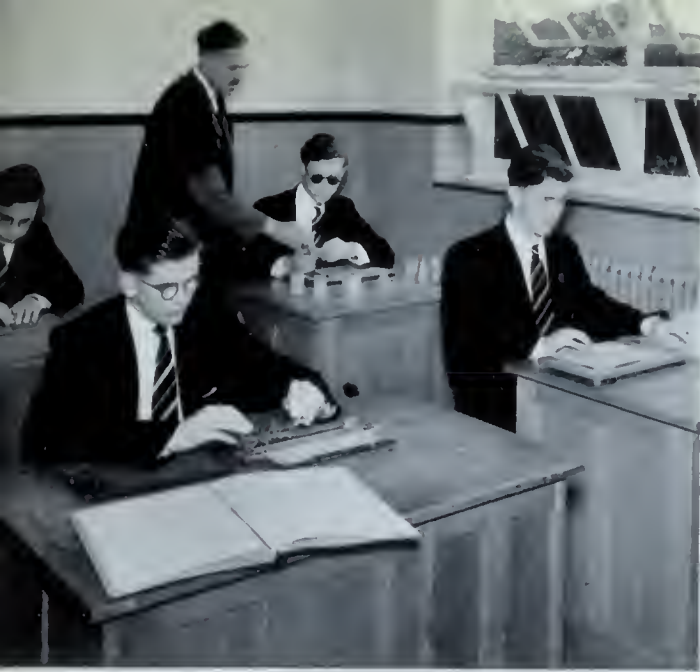
Each term throughout the year, meetings at Headquarters have provided an opportunity for parents and those who work with and for blind children to discuss educational and welfare matters.

Communication for the deaf-blind child demands endless patience and time



A mother watches her son's first feeding "lesson" at the Parents' Unit





Mathematics, which involves special apparatus, being taught by the blind Worcester College master



Many blind people learn music when young and their lives are greatly enriched

From these meetings have resulted not only the destruction of the barriers of isolation and frustration which many parents feel, but concrete developments such as the establishment of evening Braille classes. Thus may parent learn to draw more closely to blind child in mutual understanding.

## Our Grammar Schools

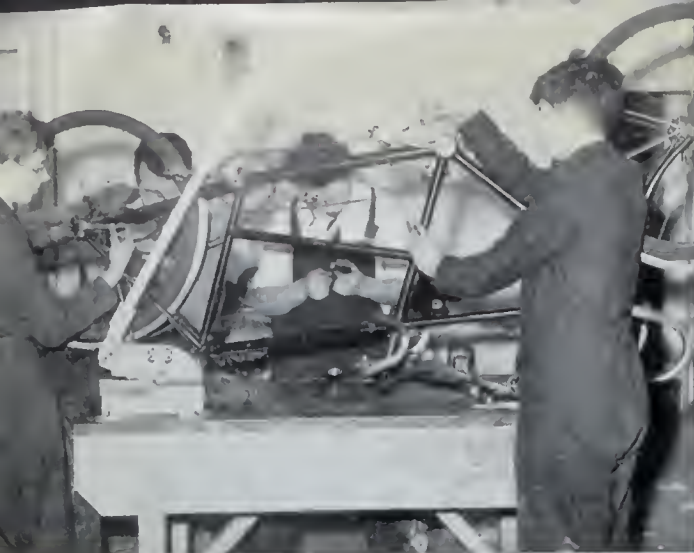
At both Worcester College for Boys and Chorleywood College for Girls the pattern of education is continued in an atmosphere closely akin to that of an ordinary Public School. To the visitor may come as something of a surprise the almost casual confidence of bearing and the air of purposeful activity which characterise the students.

Nor is this confidence confined only to surroundings made familiar by long experience. During the year a party of Worcester boys, accompanied by three masters, visited Paris, whilst three others, winners of Leverhulme Trustee Travel Scholarships, travelled alone in Scandinavia and France. A number of boys paid short residential visits to sighted Public Schools, and an interesting experiment, designed to widen their first-hand knowledge of current affairs, has been the week-end visit by a party of ten boys as guests of the families of Bristol Trades Unionists and employers.

Because Worcester College provides the main outlet for blind boys to the Universities and professions, it is particularly gratifying that a generous gift of £50,000 by Mr. Isaac Wolfson has enabled the Institute to put in hand many projected modernisations and additions.

Not to be outdone in adventuring by their brother school, a party of fifteen girls from Chorleywood, with three members of the staff, paid a week-long visit to Dale Fort Field Centre at Haverfordwest during May. As day followed day, expeditions to the sea-shore, hikes across the moorland tracks and clamberings over headland heights taught the girls many things about the geology and of the wild life of our land. It is, perhaps, impossible to exaggerate the enjoyment and the broadening of outlook which such an experience can give to those who learn by senses other than their sight.





Tandem maintenance gives simple mechanical training and prepares for the Youth Club "spin"



Many newly-blind discover at the rehabilitation centres previously unsuspected creative talents

## The blind adolescent

Hethersett, the Institute's experimental pre-vocational training centre for blind adolescents at Reigate, Surrey, has now completed its second full year in operation. Already it is proving an unqualified success in enabling these boys and girls, the majority of whom have previously lived largely in the circumscribed world of the blind school, to expand their understanding of the sighted community in which they will soon take their places.

Perhaps even more important than the preliminary training in engineering, telephony, shorthand-typing and traditional crafts which the students receive is their acceptance of and into the neighbouring community. At youth clubs and at riding stables, or riding number two on tandem bicycles behind a sighted guide, they are to be found integrating freely and happily with their more fortunate contemporaries. Such mental freedom is the very essence of Hethersett's success.

## Rehabilitation of the newly blind

To those who lose their sight in adult life the prospect of ever-present darkness can be numbing in its contemplation. The strain of perhaps months of anxious waiting, of possibly a succession of unsuccessful operations, culminating in the realisation that they will never see again exacts its inevitable toll. The majority are in poor physical condition and, understandably, in bitter, self-commiserative moods. It is for them that the Institute maintains its residential rehabilitation centres at Torquay and at Bridgnorth.

Those learning for the first time of the work of these two centres may well adjudge the results which they achieve to be bordering on the miraculous. United in their one desire to become useful, independent citizens, the doctor and the school teacher, the canteen assistant and the machine-shop operative live for a few short months in a virtually classless state, grateful to learn, one from the other, the art of living fully despite their heavy handicap.

In this one year four hundred such men and women—the majority between the ages of 16 and 59—have found through these centres new courage, new hope and a new place in society. A renewed physical and mental independence has replaced their blank despair, enabling the worker to go forward for vocational training and the housewife to take up again her household tasks confident of her ability to resume her rightful place as centre of the family circle.



Telephony training is completed by supervised operation of the Head Office switchboard



A blind capstan operator, employed by the Lightfoot Refrigeration Co., Ltd., London

## Training and employment

The trained blind worker is today to be found in ever-increasing numbers holding his own in industry and commerce in competition with the sighted. This new freedom for the blind themselves, and the realisation by more and more employers that in many operations the blind need be at no disadvantage with the sighted, is due in no small measure to the enlightened methods both of training and of placement developed by the R.N.I.B.

At our Commercial Training College at Pembridge Place, in London, those selected for ultimate employment as shorthand-typists, recorder-typists, and telephone switchboard operators undertake a course of training designed to enable successful candidates to obtain qualifications ensuring them of responsible, well-remunerated appointments in their chosen fields. Last year no less than eighteen of our students passed the R.S.A. examination in shorthand and twenty-six in typewriting, two of these latter at advanced level.

Those whose bent is towards light engineering receive their basic training at the Government Training Centre at Letchworth and at its conclusion are ready for specific training in the factory by the Institute's Training Officers.

These latter and their colleagues, the Employment Officers and the Investigations and Commercial Appointments Officers, who make up the Institute's Employment Department, are themselves blind or partially so. Nevertheless, in the course of their year's work they have paid nearly twelve thousand calls on prospective employers, Ministry of Labour Offices and Local Authorities. As a result, they have found employment for no fewer than 293 trained blind persons, bringing to the substantial figure of 3,869 their total of successes since the service was inaugurated in 1942.

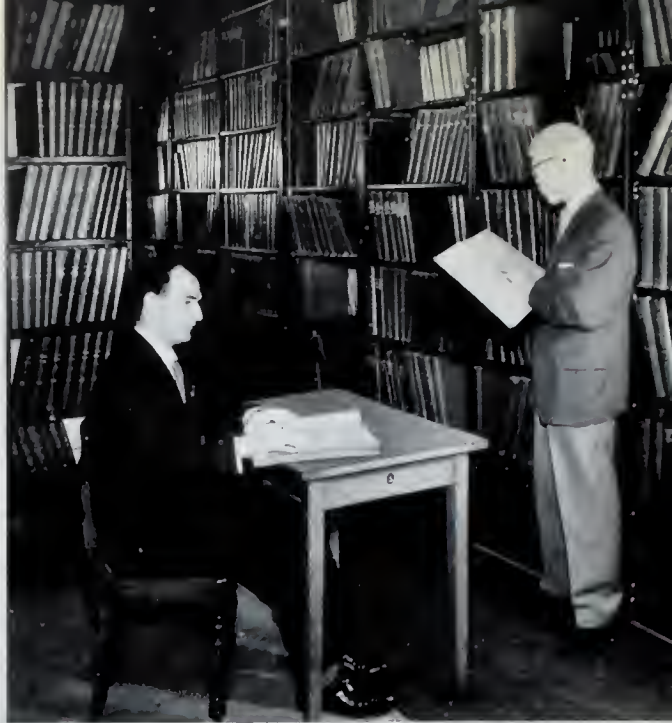
## The blind physiotherapist

Physiotherapy, of all the professions, presents perhaps a uniquely ideal opening for those without sight. With this full realisation, the Institute has for long devoted considerable research and development to achieving for the blind physiotherapist complete parity with his sighted professional colleague. So high a reputation does our School of Physiotherapy in London—the only one of its kind anywhere in the Commonwealth—enjoy today that the forty-nine students currently in attendance represent between them no less than six countries outside the British Isles, as far apart as South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the West Indies.





Exercises to develop weakened muscles form an important part of Physiotherapy training



A corner of the Students' Library, which now contains over 25,000 volumes

This enviable reputation, and the high standard which the school maintains, owe much to the whole-hearted co-operation of several London hospitals at which students gain their clinical experience and to the generous amount of time which consultants in many medical and surgical specialities devote to lecturing in our classrooms. To them is due no small measure of thanks and a not inconsiderable share of the credit for the fact that this year fifteen of our students qualified as Members of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. Of these, all, with the exception of two who returned home to work in South Africa, have been settled in hospital appointments under the National Health Service.

To keep pace with modern development and new techniques, the school's library of Braille text-books is constantly being enlarged, and now contains a total of fifty-four separate titles. The sustained feat of concentration represented by the assimilation of this store of knowledge through the fingers can best be appreciated by the realisation that GRAY'S ANATOMY, for example, comprises by itself no fewer than thirty-three volumes of embossed type. It is in an effort to make easier both reference and initial study that we have this year put into operation plans for the compilation of a library of tape recordings, with play-back machines installed both at the school and at the students' hostel.

In welcoming as Principal of the School Miss P. Lyttleton, T.M.M.G., in succession to Mr. J. O. Jenkins, T.M.M.G., T.E.T., we record our confident belief that under her leadership the present proud record of the school will be amply maintained.

### **Books to be felt . . .**

Of all the services which the R.N.I.B. provides for those without sight, there can be little doubt that the production of embossed books takes pride of place in order of importance. Heavily subsidised to our readers, they are at once companions for leisure hours; tools for the shaping of full

and satisfying lives, and a means of keeping abreast of the quickening tempo of our age. Without them the world of the blind would, in truth, be a place of mental as well as physical darkness.

Thus it is that our Braille presses, in printing 53,328 volumes of literature in a variety to meet all tastes; 1,165 volumes of music; 481,512 newspapers and periodicals; and 49,002 literature and music pamphlets have, in this single year, attained the astronomical total production figure of nearly 600,000. The cost to the Institute of this one service alone has amounted to £54,024, a sum which, in terms of human happiness, could scarcely have been better utilised.

For the aged and those whose fingers lack the sensitivity necessary to master the tiny dots of Braille, we have continued to meet the urgent demand for literature in the larger, simpler Moon type. A small, but valued, weekly newspaper, monthly magazines and books that may either be purchased or borrowed from libraries in the larger towns, provide a welcome interest to those whose lot it is to spend long hours in idle solitude.

That over 2,500 instruction sets were supplied during the year under review emphasises the continuing need for this alternative to the more widely acclaimed Braille alphabet.

But not all the embossed books which we produce are mechanically printed. At our Headquarters in London we maintain a library of books in Braille especially for students and for those blind men and women already embarked upon their careers who are anxious to qualify themselves more fully. It is due to the selfless and devoted work of a large band of voluntary transcribers that we have been enabled this year, as every year of late, to add to this library nearly 1,000 hand-embossed volumes on a wide variety of subjects and in half a dozen languages other than our own. The circulation figure of nearly 11,000 volumes sent out to readers in every part of the country and the fact that 148 new readers have been enrolled provide living proof of the complete integration of the blind into this modern world.

The Manuscript Department of this library has continued to undertake the brailleing of a variety of material at the request of individuals and organisations, among the more unusual assignments being the embossing of an Examination Paper in Salesmanship for the United Commercial Travellers' Association.

Hand-correcting the mechanically-embossed metal plates from which Braille is printed



A nonagenarian talking-book "reader" prepares to listen to her favourite novel







A few of the 250 aids and appliances developed for use by the blind

" They talk of many things . . ."  
at a Home for the deaf-blind





## **. . . and books to be heard**

The Talking Book Library of long-playing records continues to bring both entertainment and companionship to the elderly and the house-bound among the blind community. Although our membership now exceeds 5,000, there is still a long waiting list for this highly-prized form of readership. Research and development, designed both to reduce the list of those who cannot yet be satisfied and to make still simpler the operation of these machines for sightless and ailing hands, are continually undertaken.

The latest models are particularly praised by users on this score and, in addition, for their tone and clarity of reproduction. One of our readers, writing to tell us of the pleasure he receives from his Talking Books, refers to the care taken during recording to achieve perfect pronunciation and expression. " Frequently," he says, " I ' re-read ' a record for the pleasure of hearing such good reading."

In striving to maintain our proud tradition that no reader shall ever be without a book, we must gratefully acknowledge the full co-operation which the General Post Office accords us in their transportation.

## **Apparatus for work and leisure**

Our Technical Research Department strives continually to devise an ever-increasing range of aids and appliances designed to reduce the handicap of blindness. Ranging in variety from Braille micrometers for the precision worker to self-threading needles for the housewife, the list of such equipment now available totals over two hundred and fifty individual items.

For those Braille readers anxious to learn to type, a new plastic keyboard chart has this year been evolved; a special form of rubber sheeting will aid those who seek to write in longhand; for the student, a plastic relief map of Scotland has been prepared and will shortly be in production, this latter printed in four bright colours as an additional aid to those with partial sight.

While never, by themselves, being able to compensate completely for a life of darkness, these devices yet play an important part in the welfare scheme in helping to decrease the disability which blindness brings.

## **The Institute abroad**

British blind welfare is today freely acknowledged to constitute the criterion by which every other country seeks to shape its own endeavour. As the largest organisation of its kind in the world, the R.N.I.B. has continued to play a leading role in the international scene either by representation on all important committees concerned with blindness, by welcoming visitors from abroad who come to study British welfare methods, or by visits by members of its staff to countries eager for advice on the most satisfactory means of applying our methods to their own peculiar circumstances.

At the International Conference of Educators of Blind Youth in Oslo, which brought together the leading personalities in blind education from most countries of the world, the Institute was well represented by Mr. John Colligan, Secretary-General, accompanied by our Education Officer and many teachers from our schools and colleges. Particularly well received was the stimulating first paper on the education of the parents of blind children, read by the Education Officer, which helped to set the right note for the conference as a whole.

Early in the year our International Correspondent paid a visit to Jordan and Israel in an advisory capacity, and six months later our Chairman and our Secretary-General took part in

an intensive international study course in Italy on the rehabilitation, training and employment of the blind. The Italian Government had been particularly anxious to bring to bear on their own difficult problems the most experienced advice from other countries, and our Chairman and Secretary-General were able to give just that lead which was so urgently required.

## **Our Homes and Hostels**

At the adult Homes maintained by the Institute both for the blind and the deaf-blind, peace and companionship are found by many who would, in other circumstances, be condemned to lives of solitude and anxiety. The visitor to any one of these could not help but be impressed by the range of interests and activities which sustain the residents, many of whom are in the autumn of their lives. From one, comes a report of a sweet-making and cake-decorating class; from another, long and laborious rehearsal by a deaf-blind cast of a play, the high standard of which amazed sighted friends and neighbours; from a third, a visit to Harewood House—a memorable occasion on which a kindly guide devoted his entire afternoon to answering a spate of questions concerning the Princess Royal.

For the student and the younger worker, the three London hostels ensure the comfortable home-life and congenial companionship so important to youth on the threshold of its career. Here, too, one learns of a wide and varied range of activities and hobbies; and of the choir of young men and women who devoted many evenings to singing Christmas carols to help the British Empire Cancer Campaign, and the two young girls who frequently work throughout the night to help the Good Samaritans in their work of mercy.

## **The Institute and the voluntary worker**

Blindness must, inevitably, bring in its wake a degree of isolation. It is the simple function of The Royal National Institute to reduce this to a minimum and to enable those who cannot see not only fully to enter into the life of the community in which they live, but to make to it their own especial contribution. This is the necessity which shapes the development of all the services which we provide.

In our belief that in the year which has passed we have not been without success, we pay special tribute to those many devoted voluntary workers whose untiring efforts and unwavering support have meant so much. Without them our task would be the harder and our ability to serve the blind decreased.

*It is a pleasure once again to record our sincere appreciation of the work of our Secretary-General, Mr. J. C. Colligan, O.B.E., and his devoted staff and of their combined endeavours that have contributed so greatly to the achievements outlined in this Report.*

# UNIFIED COLLECTING AGREEMENTS

Statement for Year ended 31st March, 1958

## Analysis of Amounts distributed to Other Participating Societies

### LOCAL SOCIETIES

1956-57 £		£
	<b>BEDFORDSHIRE—</b>	
1,438	N. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,125
1,292	S. Bedfordshire Society for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,314
	<b>BERKSHIRE—</b>	
2,187	Berkshire County Blind Society ...	2,085
1,152	Reading Association for Welfare of the Blind ...	1,250
	<b>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—</b>	
2,275	Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind ...	2,191
	<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE—</b>	
1,515	Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind ...	1,662
	<b>CHESHIRE—</b>	
4,847	Chester and District Blind Welfare Society ...	4,825
505	Macclesfield Society for the Blind ...	521
50	Wallasey Blind Welfare Committee ...	50
	<b>CORNWALL—</b>	
3,794	Cornwall County Association for the Blind ...	3,969
	<b>DERBYSHIRE—</b>	
3,806	Derbyshire Association for the Blind ...	3,682
	<b>DEVON—</b>	
4,022	Devon County Association for the Blind ...	4,070
570	Exeter Society for the Blind ...	769
	South Devon and Cornwall Institution for the Blind, Plymouth ...	877
92	West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter ...	124
	<b>DORSET—</b>	
1,817	Dorset County Association for the Blind ...	1,730
	<b>DURHAM—</b>	
553	Darlington Society for the Blind ...	667
3,559	Sunderland and Durham County Royal Institution for the Blind ...	3,710
	<b>ESSEX—</b>	
4,072	Essex County Association for the Blind ...	4,674
	<b>GLAMORGAN—</b>	
2,088	Cardiff Institute for the Blind, Inc. ...	—
4,004	Glamorgan County Blind Welfare Association ...	4,278
3,500	Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Instn. for the Blind ...	2,064
	<b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE—</b>	
5,142	Bristol Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops ...	5,063
594	Gloucester (City) Society for the Blind ...	659
3,586	Gloucester County Association for the Blind ...	3,556
	<b>HAMPSHIRE—</b>	
667	Bournemouth Blind Aid Society ...	878
1,109	Southampton Association for the Welfare of the Blind ...	1,086
	<b>HEREFORDSHIRE—</b>	
1,204	Herefordshire County Association for the Blind ...	1,084
	<b>HERTFORDSHIRE—</b>	
3,262	Hertfordshire Society for the Blind ...	3,115
	<b>HUNTINGDONSHIRE—</b>	
533	Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind ...	505
	<b>ISLE OF MAN—</b>	
1,230	Manx Blind Welfare Society ...	1,261
	<b>KENT—</b>	
213	Canterbury Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	220
	<b>LANCASHIRE—</b>	
451	Accrington and District Institution for the Blind and Prevention of Blindness ...	456
	Blackburn and District Joint Finance Committee for the Blind ...	1,397
1,208	Catholic Blind Institute ...	718
744	Liverpool Workshops for the Blind ...	10,929
11,326	Oldham Home Teaching Voluntary Sub-Committee of the Welfare Services Committee ...	1,061
1,054	St. Helens and District Society for the Blind ...	788
690	Southport Blind Persons Committee ...	286
214	Rochdale and District Blind Welfare Society ...	716
—	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE—</b>	
843	Boston and Holland Blind Society ...	853
	County Borough of Grimsby Blind Welfare Sub- Committee ...	589
552	Kesteven (Lincs.) Blind Society ...	650
676	Lincoln Blind Society ...	614
753	Lindsey Blind Society ...	4,032
4,359		

1956-57 £		£
4,181	<b>MONMOUTHSHIRE—</b> Newport and Monmouthshire Association for the Blind ...	4,519
	<b>NORFOLK—</b> Great Yarmouth Blind and Handicapped Persons Sub-Committee ...	512
593	Norwich Institution for the Blind ...	3,058
2,759		
	<b>NORTHUMBERLAND—</b> Newcastle Agencies for the Blind ...	7,329
6,070		
	<b>NORTH WALES—</b> North Wales Society for the Blind ...	3,169
3,198		
	<b>OXFORDSHIRE—</b> Oxford (City and County) Society for the Blind ...	1,642
1,881		
	<b>RADNORSHIRE—</b> Radnor Association for the Blind ...	214
211		
	<b>SOMERSET—</b> Bath Society for the Blind ...	814
781	Somerset County Association for the Blind ...	3,887
3,756		
	<b>SUFFOLK—</b> Ipswich Blind Society ...	1,027
1,051	West Suffolk Voluntary Blind Committee ...	1,321
1,307		
	<b>SURREY—</b> Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	2,929
2,936		
	<b>SUSSEX—</b> Brighton Society for the Welfare of the Blind ...	2,074
2,090	Eastbourne Society for the Blind ...	425
316	East Sussex Association for the Blind ...	1,654
1,701	Hastings Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	498
259	West Sussex Association for the Blind ...	2,418
2,199		
	<b>WILTSHIRE—</b> Swindon Branch of Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ...	443
338	Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ...	2,844
2,936		
	<b>YORKSHIRE—</b> Cleveland and South Durham Institute for the Blind... Colne and Holme Valley Local Blind Persons Com- mittee ...	3,090
3,054	Doncaster and District Home Teaching Association for the Blind ...	589
580	Goole Local Blind Persons Committee ...	1,999
1,859	Halifax Society for the Blind ...	230
212	Harrogate and District Society for the Blind ...	1,396
1,375	Huddersfield and District Blind Society ...	919
897	Keighley and District Institution for the Blind ...	994
1,079	Kiveton and Rotherham Rural Voluntary Committee for the Blind ...	1,334
1,309	Leeds Incorporated Institution for the Blind and the Deaf and Dumb ...	449
461	Leeds Voluntary Welfare of the Blind Committee ...	1,445
1,462	North Riding Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	8,330
7,483	Pudsey Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	1,465
1,498	Rawmarsh and District Blind Welfare Committee ...	577
400	Rotherham Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind ...	239
259	Saddleworth Local Blind Persons Committee ...	802
704	Scarborough Society for the Welfare of the Blind ...	140
128	Selby Local Blind Persons Committee ...	205
212	Settle, Bowland and Sedberg Blind Persons Welfare Committee ...	166
163	Thorne Local Blind Persons Committee ...	462
457	Todmorden Society for the Blind ...	123
120	West Riding Voluntary Association for the Blind ...	142
141	Yorkshire School for the Blind... ...	2,201
2,116		699
726		
154,035		154,926

### OTHER NATIONAL BODIES

22,679	National Library for the Blind...	23,248
7,518	Royal Normal College for the Blind ...	7,735
184,232	Total amount distributed ...	185,909

# LEGACIES, 1957-58

We acknowledge with most grateful thanks the following benefactions by Will received during the year :

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs. A. ....	2,094	13	0	Dickinson, Miss H. E. ....	300	0	0	Johnston, Miss C. E. ....	200	0	0
Airey, Mr. J. R. ....	750	0	0	Dixon, Mrs. L. B. ....	100	0	0	Jones, Mr. E. ....	795	0	0
Allen, Miss L. M. ....	100	0	0	Doffman, Mrs. R. ....	50	0	0	Jones, Mrs. E. ....	32	6	6
Angel, Mr. G. ....	91	6	5	Douthwaite, Mr. T. D. ....	738	9	4	Jones, J. E. ....	125	0	0
Angell, Mrs. D. ....	398	2	2	Duckworth, Miss E. A. ....	1,334	4	9	Jones, Miss L. ....	42	0	0
Anonymous ....	200	0	0	Dunn, Miss E. S. ....	311	8	10	Juniper, Mrs. S. ....	5	0	0
Argenti, Miss J. ....	575	15	5	Dunn, Mr. J. H. ....	2,002	16	0	Kates, Mr. E. J. ....	100	0	0
Arnfield, Mr. C. R. ....	100	0	0	Dunnett, Miss C. P. ....	10	0	0	Kendall, Mrs. C. I. ....	200	0	0
Atkinson, Mr. R. L. ....	2	2	0	Durden, Mrs. D. ....	500	0	0	Knight, Sarah Ann ....	100	0	0
Atton, Mrs. H. M. G. ....	10	0	0	Edgeland, Mr. W. ....	100	0	0	Knighton, Miss M. ....	25	6	1
Baguley, Mr. F. ....	312	18	1	Edwards, Alice Maud ....	100	0	0	Lakin, Mrs. E. E. L. ....	59	8	0
Bailey, Mrs. S. H. ....	62	8	0	Edwards, Mrs. E. L. ....	50	0	0	Lancaster, Mr. J. ....	7	9	0
Baird, Miss M. ....	250	0	0	Edwards, Mr. J. P. A. ....	208	4	2	Last, Mrs. E. L. ....	30	0	0
Baker, Mrs. G. A. D. B. ....	200	0	0	Emerson, Mr. G. J. ....	100	0	0	Law, Miss E. ....	200	0	0
Bale, Mr. J. H. ....	500	0	0	Emerson, Mrs. G. L. ....	375	0	0	Lawrence, Miss M. L. ....	11	9	
Ball, Mrs. L. O. ....	250	0	0	Eristov, Princess E. M. ....	12	10	0	Lawrence, Maude ....	130	8	7
Ballard, Mr. W. C. ....	2,536	13	11	Evans, Miss Alice ....	100	0	0	Lawrenson, Miss F. M. ....	77	4	5
Bamber, Mrs. F. E. ....	50	0	0	Evans, Mr. A. J. ....	68	17	8	Lee, Mrs. E. F. ....	1,007	17	6
Banks, Mr. W. A. ....	633	16	10	Evans, Miss E. ....	100	0	0	Lee, Miss M. F. ....	138	10	1
Barnard, Mr. G. ....	9,812	3	6	Evans, Mrs. M. A. ....	20	0	0	Leeming, Mrs. M. E. ....	2	18	11
Bartram, Miss H. ....	10	6		Everatt, Annie Elizabeth ....	100	0	0	Leggett, Mrs. N. ....	50	0	0
Baxter, Mrs. F. M. A. ....	1,593	3	3	Farnworth, Miss A. ....	290	18	3	Leonard, Mrs. H. C. ....	50	0	0
Beckhelling, Mrs. E. ....	500	0	0	Fawcett, Mrs. F. ....	40	19	3	Lesley, Miss L. ....	100	0	0
Berens, Miss F. ....	75	0	0	Finch, Mrs. A. J. ....	100	0	0	Levi, Mrs. M. ....	936	12	0
Beresford, Miss H. M. ....	50	0	0	Finsler, Mr. J. C. ....	103	1	4	Levy, Miss H. ....	250	0	0
Billion, Elsie Jane ....	100	0	0	Fitchett, Mrs. E. ....	350	0	0	Lisle, Miss I. D. ....	6	4	10
Birch, Mr. A. R. ....	3	0	0	Fraenkel, Mr. E. ....	2	0	0	Little, Mrs. A. ....	100	0	0
Bishop, Mrs. M. R. ....	6,673	11	5	Fraser, Jennima ....	20	0	0	Malcolm, Miss A. A. L. ....	100	0	0
Blackler, Mr. F. G. ....	503	3	9	Fuller, Mrs. B. L. ....	200	0	0	Mann, Miss L. ....	50	0	0
Blake, Mrs. B. ....	1,422	17	7	Gardiner, Miss E. M. ....	468	6	10	Manns, Miss E. J. ....	1,125	10	8
Blomfield, Mrs. C. ....	1,500	0	0	Gardner, Mrs. F. ....	10	0	0	Marsh, Miss B. M. ....	3	10	0
Borham, Miss J. M. ....	100	0	0	Gay, Mrs. J. ....	87	10	0	Marshall, Miss A. M. ....	1,008	17	3
Borradaile, Mr. H. ....	50	0	0	Gibbs, Mrs. A. J. ....	1,007	16	9	Marshall, Miss H. ....	9	9	3
Bowen, Miss M. L. ....	34	0	0	Gilbert, Miss A. L. D. ....	500	0	0	Mason, Mr. T. ....	100	0	0
Bowly, Mrs. E. L. ....	2,450	0	0	Gillani, Miss C. E. ....	50	0	0	Masters, Mr. C. A. ....	1,050	0	0
Box, Mrs. M. J. ....	114	4	7	Glasse, Miss M. A. ....	401	10	10	Maynard, Mrs. C. ....	400	11	0
Braithwaite, Miss A. ....	50	0	0	Goldman, Mr. H. ....	272	9	0	Melhuish, Miss A. W. ....	23	9	7
Braithwaite, Miss C. L. ....	50	0	0	Goodling, Mr. H. B. ....	100	11	11	Mellor, Mrs. F. M. ....	100	0	0
Bray, Mrs. E. M. ....	2,000	0	0	Gould, Mrs. E. ....	301	8	5	Mellor, Mr. N. W. ....	2,821	0	5
Brayford, Mr. H. ....	1	5	3	Grainger, Mrs. C. R. ....	1,000	0	0	Melville, Miss M. J. ....	3,000	0	0
Bricknell, Miss D. L. E. ....	192	0	0	Grand, Mrs. M. R. ....	50	0	0	Merrick, Mr. W. ....	287	14	6
Brodie, Mr. R. ....	102	8	3	Green, Miss F. A. ....	20	0	0	Moore, Mrs. E. ....	100	0	0
Brown, Miss A. ....	450	0	0	Greenway, Mrs. E. M. ....	525	12	10	Morris, Mr. J. W. ....	50	15	5
Brown, Mr. A. G. ....	2,000	0	0	Grimshaw, Mrs. Ada ....	1,970	15	6	Murray, Miss A. B. ....	2,296	4	5
Brown, Mr. F. S. ....	20	0	0	Gullick, Miss A. ....	75	3	0	Musk, Mr. F. C. ....	2,394	2	2
Bruce, Mr. J. ....	182	4	7	Gumbrell, Miss A. ....	14	11	4	MacEwan, Miss H. I. ....	100	0	0
Bryant, Mr. H. S. ....	100	0	0	Guy, Mrs. F. ....	200	0	0	McAllister, Miss C. H. ....	100	0	0
Budworth, Mrs. M. E. ....	250	0	0	Gwynn, Mrs. E. A. ....	150	0	0	McClellan, Mr. R. C. ....	100	0	0
Bullock, Clara Jane ....	100	0	0	Hakman, Mrs. H. R. ....	8	8	4	Nebendahl, Miss A. G. ....	1,000	0	0
Burbage, Mr. R. ....	197	7	1	Haigh, Mrs. E. A. ....	100	0	0	Neill, Miss E. ....	57	11	11
Burdon, Mr. H. P. ....	10	0	0	Hale, Mrs. M. A. ....	300	0	0	Nichol, Mr. G. ....	36	10	7
Burley, Mrs. J. E. ....	200	0	0	Hall, Miss A. A. ....	755	9	0	Nicholson, Mr. T. G. ....	5,000	0	0
Burnley, Miss A. ....	984	1	8	Hall, Mrs. C. L. ....	1,556	4	0	Oliver, Annie Maud ....	155	15	1
Burtenshaw, Mrs. E. A. ....	615	10	0	Hallam, Mr. W. ....	50	0	0	Owencroft, Miss M. A. L. ....	1,078	17	0
Butcher, Mrs. A. H. ....	550	0	0	Hamerton, Mr. R. ....	200	0	0	Page, Edith ....	280	6	8
Campbell, Mr. A. ....	500	0	0	Hames, Mrs. A. L. ....	1,481	5	2	Palmer, Mr. E. M. ....	25	0	0
Cartwright, Miss M. M. ....	1,993	9	1	Hamlin, Mrs. C. A. ....	100	0	0	Palmer, Miss L. M. ....	100	0	0
Chapman, Mr. D. ....	50	0	0	Hammond, Mr. F. ....	70	6	10	Parker, Mrs. L. ....	1,936	19	6
Chapman, Miss M. J. F. ....	190	12	7	Hannah, Miss M. F. ....	89	6	10	Pascoe, Mr. W. H. ....	50	0	0
Childs, Mrs. A. ....	200	0	0	Hanson, Miss H. ....	100	0	0	Peach, Mrs. E. M. M. ....	100	0	0
Clarke, Marion Burgess ....	251	1	1	Harcourt-Green, Mrs. E. A. ....	500	0	0	Pearce, Mr. H. E. ....	1,000	0	0
Clarke, Miss F. J. ....	100	0	0	Harrison, Miss Kate ....	100	0	0	Pearse, Mr. W. ....	88	9	3
Cloke, Mrs. E. M. ....	1,956	15	11	Hasse, Mr. Gerald St. Aubin ....	100	0	0	Perceval, Miss A. ....	10	0	0
Clough, Miss W. A. ....	400	0	0	Hatt, Mrs. E. M. ....	512	5	9	Percival, Mr. J. ....	50	0	0
Coath, Miss Helena Grace ....	27	12	10	Hazeldine, Mr. H. ....	1,000	0	0	Peregrine, Mrs. R. D. ....	1	4	6
Coath, Miss Henrietta Georgina ....	288	4	8	Heap, Amelia ....	1,281	12	4	Pickett, Mrs. N. E. ....	446	15	10
Coath, Miss M. A. ....	2	8	10	Hester, Mr. T. J. ....	600	0	0	Pickles, Miss B. ....	162	13	7
Coldwell, Mrs. M. K. ....	30	0	0	Hiley, Mr. F. S. ....	40	0	0	Poole, Mr. F. T. ....	100	0	0
Cole, Mrs. A. ....	1,500	0	0	Hill, Miss C. A. ....	364	11	1	Porter, Miss H. M. ....	100	0	0
Collier, Miss H. ....	519	6	0	Hill, Mr. G. H. ....	1,175	1	1	Powell, Mr. J. E. ....	400	0	0
Collins, Mr. J. E. ....	500	4	10	Hine, Miss F. C. D. ....	2	5	0	Prior, Mr. G. S. ....	50	0	0
Collins, Mrs. S. ....	50	0	0	Hines, Mr. J. ....	301	5	10	Prowse, Mrs. K. S. ....	500	0	1
Colston, Mrs. A. L. ....	100	0	0	Hingley, Miss M. E. ....	100	0	0	Quick, Miss D. F. ....	900	0	0
Colyer, Miss M. K. ....	95	8	5	Hobson, Mr. C. ....	10	0	0	Red, Mrs. E. C. F. ....	20	0	0
Cook, Mr. S. D. ....	20	0	0	Hockmeyer, Mr. V. ....	133	10	0	Rees, Mrs. A. ....	162	10	0
Cooper, Miss S. D. ....	21	11	3	Hodson, Mrs. J. A. ....	2	2	6	Rhodes, Mr. A. L. ....	100	0	0
Coppelstone, Mrs. C. ....	100	0	0	Holden, Miss A. ....	100	0	0	Richards, Mr. L. F. ....	10	10	0
Coveney, Mr. F. E. ....	200	0	0	Holford, Mr. F. T. ....	539	13	9	Richmond, Miss E. K. ....	6	6	8
Creswell, Frances Isabella ....	10	0	0	Hooper, Mr. F. H. ....	509	3	8	Riley, Miss E. W. ....	1,691	11	7
Crickett Scott, Mrs. N. C. ....	2	2	0	Hopkins, Miss F. M. ....	2,650	0	0	Robert, Mrs. G. M. G. ....	500	0	0
Cronshaw, Miss ....	213	10	0	Horton, Mr. H. G. ....	26	19	6	Robertson, Mr. A. C. ....	667	2	2
Crump, Mr. P. C. ....	2,105	14	11	Hughes, Miss L. E. ....	50	0	0	Rowe, Miss M. ....	943	1	7
Curtis, Miss M. E. ....	3,562	19	5	Humble, Mr. J. G. ....	500	0	0	Seagers, Mrs. M. ....	200	19	0
Dancer, Mrs. S. A. ....	1,539	18	4	Humphrys, Mrs. C. J. ....	1,000	0	0	Sellers, Miss M. E. ....	6	5	10
Davies, Miss A. R. ....	493	14	0	Innocent, Mr. G. ....	41	15	0	Simple, Mr. A. ....	100	0	0
Dawber, Mrs. N. K. ....	5	0	0	Instone, Miss A. ....	1	10	0	Sharples, Miss M. M. ....	100	0	0
Dawson, Mrs. E. ....	100	0	0	Jackson, Mr. A. ....	1,353	0	4	Sherwell, Miss M. L. ....	309	7	0
Dawson, Miss L. P. ....	1,085	11	2	Jakemann, Mr. H. ....	457	16	6	Siddall, Mrs. F. N. ....	20	0	0
Devis, Mrs. E. ....	19	13	5	Jameson, Mr. H. ....	76	16	10	Simpson, Miss M. ....	20	0	0
Dickinson, Miss A. L. ....	20	0	0	Jepson, Mrs. E. ....	91	11	9				



# Legacies—continued

	£	s.	d.
Smith, Mrs. A. O. ...	263	5	8
Smith, Mr. C. T. ...	200	0	0
Smith, Miss E. ...	993	3	7
Smith, Mr. H. S. ...	524	5	9
Smith, Mr. T. B. ...	542	2	6
Soundy, Mr. J. A. ...	100	0	0
Spearing, Mr. E. R. ...	610	4	10
Stace, Miss E. ...	5,627	1	6
Stanwell, Mrs. B. R. ...	1,125	0	0
Steeds, Henrietta Mary	50	7	4
Stephenson, Miss S. ...	1,000	0	0
Still, Mr. J. E. ...	29	4	3
Stonehouse, Mrs. G. M. ...	1,249	9	11
Stretch, Miss E. ...	575	8	11
Stringer, Miss A. ...	100	0	0
Suter, Mrs. I. ...	9,571	13	4
Sutton, Mrs. K. E. ...	550	13	1
Sweet, Miss M. N. H. ...	900	0	0
Sykes, Mrs. E. ...	1,405	12	1
Tanner, Miss C. I. ...	200	0	0
Tapp, Mrs. M. M. ...	100	0	0
Tensdale, Mr. F. J. ...	400	0	0
Telford, T. R. ...	50	0	0
Thorne, Miss V. M. ...	1,700	0	0
Tildesley, Mr. W. J. ...	50	0	0
Toates, Miss E. E. ...	1,750	0	0
Toogood, Mr. A. J. ...	113	6	7
Tricker, Miss B. I. ...	10	0	0
Tricker, Mr. J. T. ...	500	0	0
Trimby, Mrs. G. E. G. ...	50	0	0
Tulley, Miss E. ...	5	0	0
Unwin, Mr. F. ...	32	0	0
Vail, Alice Emma ...	200	0	0
Vernon, Miss C. ...	2,127	5	5
Virgo, Miss E. A. ...	25	0	0
Walkden, Miss A. ...	80	4	4
Warwick, Edith Alice	20	0	0
Webber, Mrs. A. E. ...	857	13	4
Webster, Miss E. L. ...	100	0	0
Wells, Miss W. L. ...	1,131	10	0
Western, Mrs. A. ...	1,359	10	8
Westropp, Mrs. A. L. T. ...	209	0	0
Whalley, Mrs. A. L. ...	520	16	5
Whitley, Bertha ...	157	14	1
Whitting, Miss F. C. ...	200	0	0
Wiles, Mrs. L. ...	2,120	10	4
Wilkinson, Miss E. F. ...	1,000	0	0
Williams, Mr. W. L. ...	100	0	0
Wilman, Mr. A. ...	375	10	7
Wilson, Miss E. R. ...	400	0	0
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. ...	404	4	0
Wilson, Miss E. M. ...	250	0	0
Wingrove, Elizabeth ...	650	0	9
Wood, Miss M. F. ...	91	19	6
Woodford, Mr. R. J. ...	79	3	1
Woodhams, Miss L. ...	500	0	0
Worley, Mrs. F. J. ...	1,026	1	0
Wright, Mr. F. W. ...	8	9	4
Wrightson, Mrs. F. M. H. ...	183	16	4
Yardley, Mrs. S. ...	500	0	0
Inland Revenue Refund of Tax...	95	18	3

Less : Refund of overpayments in previous year ...	177,480	0	8
...	63	19	5

177,416	1	3
---------	---	---

## Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children

	£	s.	d.
Andrews, Mrs. E. ...	20	0	0
Bagster, Miss E. G. ...	745	5	6
Billing, Miss A. M. ...	100	0	0
Birn, Mrs. M. H. ...	200	0	0
Blackburn, Mr. H. ...	1,000	0	0
Bone, Mrs. A. S. ...	418	13	9
Bromhead, Mrs. E. M. ...	1	0	0
Bryant, Miss A. M. ...	100	0	0
Carmichael, Miss M. ...	100	0	0
Charley, Miss C. ...	200	0	0
Corbet, A. J. B. Le Strange	104	8	10
Crabb, Miss A. ...	90	11	6
Creasey, Miss C. ...	20	0	0
Cubbin, Mrs. E. M. (in memory of her son, Robert Alfred Colbey Cubbin) ...	5,000	0	0
Devereux, Mrs. M. ...	1,546	15	1
Dormer, Mr. W. H. ...	100	0	0
Eustace, Ada Alice ...	113	2	11
Fleming, Mrs. B. R. ...	100	0	0
Flint, Miss C. A. ...	1,329	2	3
Ford, Mr. G. E. ...	782	14	1
Gourlay, Miss M. J. ...	100	0	0
Hackford, Mrs. B. E. ...	100	0	0
Harper, Miss C. M. ...	250	0	0
Hatherley, Miss G. S. ...	508	11	4
Haycock, Miss A. L. ...	1,000	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Hemming, Miss I. ...	50	0	0
Hiscocks, Miss J. ...	25	0	0
Hopkins, Miss J. M. ...	2,650	0	0
Hughes, Mr. T. ...	250	0	0
Jacques, Mrs. A. K. ...	145	1	2
Jepson, Mrs. E. ...	91	11	9
Kneen, Miss L. E. ...	106	12	7
Levy, Miss H. ...	500	0	0
Longhurst, Mr. L. V. ...	200	0	0
Mellor, Mrs. E. L. A. ...	503	6	6
Mellor, Mrs. F. M. ...	100	0	0
Munnings, Mrs. H. C. ...	588	15	8
McQuaide, Mrs. M. S. ...	50	0	0
Parsons, Mr. G. F. A. ...	549	6	8
Parsons, Mr. W. ...	473	3	11
Phillips, Miss M. M. ...	3,395	3	8
Price, Mrs. K. L. ...	372	8	5
Prior, Mr. G. S. ...	50	0	0
Radcliffe, Miss L. M. ...	50	0	0
Rece, Miss M. L. ...	150	0	0
Roberts, Mr. A. E. K. ...	2,319	19	8
Ruddock, Mrs. E. M. ...	51	12	7
Saunders, Miss M. L. ...	25	0	0
Shail, Mrs. N. E. ...	100	0	0
Shillaker, Mrs. S. ...	100	0	0
Singleton, Mrs. M. ...	283	15	7
Smithurst, Mrs. M. ...	906	4	2
Smith, Mrs. G. J. ...	2,176	17	0
Smith, Miss M. B. ...	231	3	3
Streeter, Miss L. ...	87	7	0
Tansell, Miss E. C. ...	77	16	3
Taylor, Mrs. B. ...	874	8	0
Tearle, Miss M. E. ...	500	0	0
Timewell, Miss L. D. ...	500	0	0
Tinnis, S. ...	127	18	4
Tracey, Mrs. R. V. ...	198	2	0
Vicars, Miss A. G. ...	1,050	1	8
Waddicor, Mrs. B. ...	200	0	0
Wilkinson, Mr. C. H. ...	100	0	0
Wooltorton, Mr. H. T. ...	200	0	0
...	34,441	1	1

## The following bequests were EARMARKED by DONORS as indicated

	£	s.	d.
Braille Literature	326	2	5

	£	s.	d.
Bass, Miss V. S. ...	326	2	5

	£	s.	d.
Bristol Fund for the Blind	25	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Shell, Mr. G. ...	25	0	0

	£	s.	d.
British Wireless for the Blind Fund	355	13	10

	£	s.	d.
Goodhead, Miss M. ...	355	13	10

	£	s.	d.
For the benefit of the Blind of Brighton	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Houghton, Miss A. T. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For the Blind in Norfolk	125	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Massingham, Mrs. E. ...	125	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For the Blind of Bingley and Keighley Districts	4,100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Smith, Mr. A. ...	4,100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For the Prevention of Blindness	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Hind, Dame Lillian Frances ...	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For the Provision of Dogs for the Blind	400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Clough, Miss W. A. ...	400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For the Rehabilitation of the Blind	1,058	6	9

	£	s.	d.
Hunt, Mrs. S. ...	1,058	6	9

	£	s.	d.
For the use of the Wakefield Branch	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Wroe, Mr. G. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For Outside Interests for Students, Hethersett, Reigate	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Head, Mr. A. J. ...	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
For work amongst the Deaf-Blind	3,645	13	1

	£	s.	d.
Nellis, Mr. J. H. ...	3,645	13	1

	£	s.	d.
Guide Dogs for the Blind	355	13	10

	£	s.	d.
Goodhead, Miss M. ...	355	13	10

	£	s.	d.
Home Industries Department, Reigate	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Tyler, Mrs. L. M. ...	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
National Institute for the Blind for Cardiff Blind	400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Williams, R. ...	400	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch for General Purposes	500	11	0

	£	s.	d.
Firth, Miss M. L. ...	500	11	0

	£	s.	d.
Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Carson, Florence Ruby J. ...	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Residential and Holiday Home, Craven Lodge, Harrogate	20	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Kirby, Miss K. ...	20	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Residential and Holiday Home, Fellowship House, Hoylelake	500	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Timewell, Mrs. L. D. ...	500	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Residential and Holiday Home, The Haven, Scarborough	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Chamley, Miss P. M. ...	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Chiesa, Miss F. C. G. ...	1,000	1	1

	£	s.	d.
Pattison, Miss M. ...	20	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Residential and Holiday Home, Wavertree House, Hove	272	9	0

	£	s.	d.
Goldman, Mr. H. ...	272	9	0

	£	s.	d.
To Further the Careers of Blind Organists	2,192	1	6

	£	s.	d.
Allies, Mr. W. A. ...	2,192	1	6

	£	s.	d.
Wireless Sets for the Blind	3	1	4

	£	s.	d.
Davis, Mrs. A. R. ...	3	1	4

	£	s.	d.
Johnson, Mrs. A. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
...	103	1	4

	£	s.	d.
Sunshine House, East Grinstead	972	6	5

	£	s.	d.
Anderson, Miss J. S. ...	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Hooker, Mr. S. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Humphrey, Mrs. E. A. ...	124	19	6

	£	s.	d.
Sears, Mr. A. ...	47	6	11

	£	s.	d.
Shepherd, Miss A. E. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Spencer, Mrs. E. H. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Stevens, W. J. ...	100	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Vaughan, Miss W. K. ...	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
...	972	6	5

	£	s.	d.
Sunshine House, Kingswinford	1,246	11	1

	£	s.	d.
Roberts, Mrs. C. A. ...	1,246	11	1

	£	s.	d.
Sunshine House, Leamington	19	11	8

	£	s.	d.
Glass, Mrs. R. E. M. ...	2	9	1

	£	s.	d.
Leavey, Mrs. R. G. ...	17	2	7

	£
--	---



# SCHOOLS, HOMES AND BRANCHES OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

## SUNSHINE HOME NURSERY SCHOOLS

Dene Road, Northwood, Middlesex.  
Dunnings Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. (The Beachcroft Towse Home).  
15 Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.  
Court Grange, Abbotskerswell, South Devon.  
Summerhill Grange, Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, Staffs. (The Bernhard Baron Home).  
Overley Hall, near Wellington, Shropshire.  
Pirate's Spring, St. Mary's Bay, Romney Marsh, Kent.  
2 Oxford Road, Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire.  
Southerndown, near Bridgend, Glamorgan. (The Variety Club Sunshine Home founded by Tenovus).

## SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN WITH OTHER HANDICAPS

Condover Hall, near Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

## SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Chorleywood College for Girls with Little or No Sight, Chorleywood, Herts.  
Worcester College for the Blind, Worcester.

## VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Hethersett, Gatton Road, Wray Common, Reigate, Surrey.

## CENTRES FOR PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL TRAINING

School of Physiotherapy, 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.  
R.N.I.B. Training College for Blind Shorthand-Typists and Telephonists, 5 Pembridge Place, London, W.2.

## THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOMES OF RECOVERY FOR NEWLY-BLIND CIVILIANS

The Manor House, Middle Lincombe Road, Torquay, Devon.  
America Lodge, Higher Lincombe Road, Torquay, Devon.  
Oldbury Grange, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

## R.N.I.B. CLINIC OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

(Alfred Eichholz Memorial), 204-6 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

## HOSTELS FOR THE BLIND

31 Palace Court, London, W.2.  
79 Holland Park, W.11 (Physiotherapy Students).  
16 Holland Park, W.11.

## RESIDENTIAL AND HOLIDAY HOMES

Bannow, Quarry Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. (Convalescent and Holiday Home).  
The Haven, Holbeck Hill, Scarborough, Yorks. (Holiday Home).  
Craven Lodge, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, Yorkshire. (Holiday Home).  
Wavertree House, Furze Hill, Hove, Sussex.  
Leeds House, 128 Victoria Road, New Brighton, Cheshire. (Holiday Home).  
Westcliff House, Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent.  
Tate House, Queen Parade, Harrogate, Yorkshire. (William Tate Home for Deaf-Blind).  
Fellowship House, Trinity Road, Hoylake, Cheshire. (Holiday Home for Deaf-Blind).  
The Kathleen Chambers Home, Berrow Road, Burnham-on-Sea (Home for Deaf-Blind).

## HOME INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT, Holmesdale Road, Reigate, Surrey.

## THE NUFFIELD TALKING BOOK LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, Abbey Estate, Mount Pleasant, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex.

## SOUND RECORDING STUDIO, 8 Hinde Street, London, W.1.

## MOON SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS, 104 Queen's Road, Brighton, Sussex.

## BRANCH OFFICES OF THE R.N.I.B.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM	SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL HALL, JESMOND ROAD, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, 2	G. W. WEST	SOUTH WESTERN COUNTIES	16 YORK ROAD, EXETER	J. V. L. JOYCE
NORTH WESTERN	87 LORD STREET, LIVERPOOL 90 DEANS_GATE, MANCHESTER, 3	T. L. FRANKLAND	SOUTH EASTERN COUNTIES	104 QUEEN'S ROAD, BRIGHTON, 1	G. M. BURDETT
YORKSHIRE	8 ST. ANN STREET, LEEDS, 2 22 HIGH STREET, SHEFFIELD, 1	FRANK BRADLEY	WESTERN COUNTIES	5 WHITELADIES ROAD, BRISTOL, 8	L. C. WEIGHT
EASTERN COUNTIES	22A MARKET STREET, CAMBRIDGE	P. J. JESTICO	SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE	65 COVERIDGE ROAD EAST, CARDIFF	T. A. TATCHELL
			NORTHERN IRELAND	50 WELLINGTON PLACE, BELFAST	THOMAS MCGLADDERY

1958

To

1.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND,  
224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1

I ..... of .....  
(name in full) (address)

hereby covenant with THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND that for  
a period of seven years from the ..... day of ..... 19 ..... or  
during my life whichever period shall be shorter I will pay annually to the said Institute  
such a sum as will after deduction of Income Tax leave in the hands of the Institute a net  
sum of £ ..... ( ..... ) such sum to be paid from my  
(figures) (words)  
general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either  
of the said periods from the said sum or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ..... day  
of ..... 19 .....  
(words)

Signed sealed and delivered by the said .....  
(signature of subscriber)

in the presence of

Signature .....

Address .....

.....

Occupation .....

Witness to  
Signature  
of Subscriber.

L.S.

NOTE :—The first subscription should not be paid before the date upon which this deed is signed.

(P.T.O.)

# NOTICE TO ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS

The Institute, being a Charity, is not liable to Income Tax, but you have to pay tax on the income out of which you pay your subscription. The Institute is allowed, under Income Tax law, to recover the tax paid by you in relation to your subscription, but only if you have signed the seven-year covenant on the back of this Notice. The following table shows how, by doing this, you can substantially increase the value of your contribution to our work :—

<i>Annual Subscription to be paid by subscriber</i>	<i>Income Tax (at 8/6 in £), recoverable by Institute from Inland Revenue</i>	<i>Total value of subscription to the Institute</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10 0	7 4	17 4
10 6	7 9	18 3
1 0 0	14 9	1 14 9
1 1 0	15 6	1 16 6
2 0 0	1 9 7	3 9 7
2 2 0	1 11 0	3 13 0
3 3 0	2 6 7	5 9 7
5 5 0	3 17 7	9 2 7
10 10 0	7 15 2	18 5 2
21 0 0	15 10 5	36 10 5
50 0 0	36 19 1	86 19 1

In Column 1 look for the amount of subscription you usually make. (Let us take as an example £2.)

Column 3 shows the amount of gross income (£3 9s. 7d.) you must receive to leave you with £2 after tax at 8/6 in the £ has been deducted from £3 9s. 7d.

Column 2, which is simply the difference between Columns 1 and 3, shows the amount of tax deducted (£1 9s. 7d.) which the Institute can recover from the Inland Revenue, thereby increasing the value of your cash subscription of £2 to a total of £3 9s. 7d.

1958

2

To the Honorary Treasurers of

Date.....19

**THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND***(Incorporated by Royal Charter. Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948)***224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1**

I have pleasure in assisting the Institute in the following manner :—

					£	s.	d.
Annual Subscription	...	...	...	:	:	:	:
Donation	...	...	...	:	:	:	:
TOTAL					£		

Enclosed, please find.....value.....

(Name) .....

(Please state whether Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

(Address) .....

Cheques should be made payable to "The Royal National Institute for the Blind," and crossed "Westminster Bank Ltd."

(P.T.O.)

You can save yourself the trouble of renewing your subscription in the future by filling in and returning to The Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Gt. Portland Street, London, W.1, the form below, instructing your Bankers to pay the subscription annually on your behalf. This Order can be withdrawn at any time.

## BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Bankers.....

Date.....19

Branch Address.....

Pay to the Account of **The Royal National Institute for the Blind**  
at the **WESTMINSTER BANK Ltd.** (Harley Street Branch, 154 Harley Street, W.1), my  
Subscription of.....now, and continue to pay the amount  
(Please insert amount in words)  
yearly on the 1st of.....in each year until further notice, without  
application.

Signature .....

Address.....

£ .....

(Please insert amount in figures)

2d.  
STAMP



# THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Incorporated by Royal Charter. Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948

## FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 1.

The following form of bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Institute by way of a specific legacy :—

I give to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, the sum of.....pounds

.....  
(free of all death duties) for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

## FORM OF BEQUEST, No 2

The following form of bequest is recommended if it is desired to leave the residue of an estate to the Institute :—

I give the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and where-soever both real and personal and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

NOTE.—Property of all kinds, including land of any tenure and also including money lent on mortgage and the securities therefor, may lawfully be given to charitable institutions by Will. The above forms can be readily adapted to such gifts by the substitution of a description of the land, mortgage, etc., for the words " the sum of..... "

A post-war credit may be bequeathed to the Institute, specifically, or as part of an estate.

Legacies may be left to form an endowment to be named after the benefactor or a nominee of the benefactor. In this case there should be added after the words, " the sum of.....," " to form an endowment to be called ' The.....Bequest.' "

The form of bequest should be incorporated in the Will, which should be signed and witnessed as shown on the back of this form.

If desired, the Institute is willing to act as Trustee.

When a Will has been made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit The Royal National Institute for the Blind, it will be sufficient if the form below is filled in, duly signed and witnessed as below, and placed with the existing Will.

## This is a Codicil to the last Will of me

..... dated.....  
(Name in full) (Date of Will)

*I give to THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1, for the general purposes of the Institute, the sum of*

..... (£.....) (figures)  
(words)  
*free of all death duties, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.*

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this.....day*  
(words)  
*of.....19 .*

Signed by the *Testator* as and for a Codicil to  
*Testatrix*

*his*  
*her* last Will dated.....

(Insert date of Will)

*in the presence of us, both present at the same*  
*time, who at his request, and in his presence*  
*and in the presence of each other, have hereunto*  
*set our names as witnesses.*

.....  
(Signature of Testator or Testatrix)

(1) .....of .....  
 .....(Profession) .....  
 (2) .....of .....  
 .....(Profession) .....

NOTE.—The above form is provided for the guidance of intending benefactors and their solicitors, whose advice should be sought before the form is completed.

# THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

## BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH, 1958

£	FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	£
31.3.57 379,367	<b>Funds not available for General Purposes</b>	356,823
103,783	Endowment Funds ... ..	97,162
	Legacies and Gifts earmarked by Donors :	
160,684	Invested ... ..	138,307
4,763	Uninvested ... ..	4,656
	Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacements	
110,137	Reserve ... ..	116,698
		<u>356,823</u>
220,269	<b>General Reserve</b> ... ..	234,710
115,850	Balance at 31st March, 1957 ... ..	220,269
104,419	Transfer from Legacies Account ... ..	14,441
		<u>234,710</u>
	<b>Reserve for Talking Book Development (see Note 2)</b> ... ..	147,416
50,000	Balance at 31st March, 1957 ... ..	50,000
--	Transfer from Legacies Account ... ..	97,416
		<u>147,416</u>
17,392	<b>Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments</b> ... ..	
622,144	<b>General Charity Fund</b> ... ..	636,690
	Balance at date per Part III of General Charity Fund Account ... ..	
81,390	<b>Liabilities—</b>	118,229
7,868	Bank Overdrafts ... ..	32,586
43,433	Sundry Creditors ... ..	53,745
	Unified Collections Account: Amount owing to other Societies <i>less</i> Balance of Special Bank Account (£55,000) ... ..	9,398
7,589	Advance by Associate Organisation towards cost of Nuffield Talking Book Library ... ..	22,500
22,500		<u>118,229</u>

**Notes:—**

- The Interest of the Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children included in Funds not available for General Purposes is £35,334, in General Reserve £97,801, and in General Charity Fund £100,504.
- It is necessary to build up a substantial Reserve, because it is known that considerable sums will be required during the next few years to finance essential developments in the Talking Book Library.
- Liabilities under Contracts for Capital Expenditure entered into at 31st March, 1958, not included in these Accounts amounted to approximately £1,850.

£1,370,562

£1,493,868

£	ASSETS	£
31.3.57 371,604	<b>Investments not available for General Purposes held on the following Accounts</b>	352,167
103,783	Endowments ... ..	97,162
160,684	Legacies and Gifts earmarked by Donors ... ..	138,307
	Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacements	
110,137	Reserve ... ..	116,698
		<u>352,167</u>
258,486	<b>Stock Exchange Securities at Market Values at 31st March, 1958</b> ... ..	247,012
36,690	Corporation Loans, at Cost ... ..	25,227
116	Unquoted Securities, at Cost ... ..	116
79,312	Freehold Properties, at Cost ... ..	79,312
		<u>352,167</u>
781,226	<b>Investments on General Charity Fund Account</b>	894,079
	Stock Exchange Securities at Market Values at 31st March, 1958 ... ..	629,930
579,985	Corporation Loans, at Cost ... ..	229,273
166,875	Unquoted Securities, at Cost ... ..	31,606
2,760	Freehold Properties, at Cost ... ..	894,079
31,606		<u>894,079</u>
214,732	<b>Other Assets</b> ... ..	247,622
100,528	Stocks as valued by Officials of the Institute	89,775
106,889	Sundry Debtors ... ..	152,263
7,315	Deferred Charges ... ..	5,584
		<u>247,622</u>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:—**

Amount expended upon the acquisition and adaptation of Fixed Assets used for the charitable purposes of the Institute at the 31st March, 1958 (including valuations of Assets presented to the Institute) was £1,324,768, the whole of which has been charged against General Charity Fund. No depreciation, therefore, is charged in these Accounts.

£1,493,868

P. F. WRIGHT, *Chairman, Finance Committee*  
JOHN H. BEVAN, *Hon. Treasurer*

} *The Royal National Institute for the Blind,*

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our Audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from branches not visited by us. We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed General Charity Fund Account, which are in agreement with the books of accounts and returns. In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Institute's affairs as at 31st March, 1958, and the General Charity Fund Account, Parts I, II and III give a true and fair view of the transactions during the year ended on that date.

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.

JACKSON, PINLEY & Co.  
*Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.*

11th July, 1958

# THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

## GENERAL CHARITY FUND ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March, 1958

### PART I—ORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1956-57	ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£	£	1956-57	ORDINARY INCOME	£	£
£ 816,752	Services to the Blind ... ..		858,769	£ 555,633	Subscriptions, Donations and Collections ...		545,850
	Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading Activities :			482,821	Appeals organised by R.N.I.B. ... ..	484,437	
779,220	Gross Expenditure per Schedule below ...	814,979		27,884	Allocation from London Collecting Agencies	34,603	
	Payments to the Blind			24,928	Allocations from other Collecting Agencies for the Blind ... ..	26,810	
	Augmentation of Wages paid to Blind (including Wages and Expenses of their Sighted Guides) ... ..	16,741				545,850	
15,843	Higher Education and Training Fees ...	963			Less : Gross Amounts payable to other Societies under Unification Agreements ...		261,119
526	Assistance and Other Expenses on behalf of Blind Persons ... ..	20,018		255,963			
19,083	Grants to Societies for the Blind ... ..	6,068		279,670	Rents and Interest and Other Ordinary Income		284,731
2,080				32,819	Services to the Blind ... ..		42,459
		858,769		569,587	Homes and Schools, General Services and Trading—Gross Income per Schedule below (including £2,902 interest on earmarked investments)		572,252
61,464	Cost of Raising Revenue ... ..	63,839			Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income, transferred to Part III ... ..		48,344
133,195	Total Cost of Raising Revenue ... ..	139,049		19,920			
71,731	Less : Proportion borne by Societies under Unification Agreements ... ..	75,210					
		63,839					
14,281	Cost of General Administration ... ..	15,232					
	Pension Scheme Contributions and Pensions (excluding £9,624 charged through other Accounts) ... ..	7,778					
7,764	Other Expenses ... ..	2,168					
1,735							
£901,996		£947,786		£901,996		£947,786	

### PART II—EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1956-57	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	£	£	1956-57	EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	£	£
£ 27,855	Net Capital Expenditure ... ..	28,479		£ 229,337	Legacies ... ..		235,065
10,168	Land and Buildings ... ..	9,999		360	Gifts for Endowment ... ..		—
12,522	Furniture and Fittings ... ..	15,749		229,697		235,065	
311	Grant to Worcester College ... ..	757			Less : Earmarked by Donors—		
4,854	Braille Development Account ... ..	1,974			Specific Activities ... ..	19,709	
		28,479		25,278	Endowment Funds ... ..	3,499	
				204,419		23,208	
10,000	Grant to British Wireless for the Blind Fund ...	—			Less : Transfer to Reserve for Talking Book Development ... ..	97,416	
14,736	Legacy Publicity and Expenses ... ..	14,155		104,419	Transfer to General Reserve ... ..	14,441	
—	Loss on Sale of Investments ... ..	2,453				111,857	
	Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure transferred to Part III ... ..	65,820		100,000	Special Capital Gifts ... ..		100,000
49,073				1,550	Sale of Land ... ..	2,945	
					Less : Transfer to Fixed Assets, Renewals and Replacement Reserve ... ..	2,945	
				114	Profit on Sale of Investments ... ..		
£101,664		£110,907		£101,664		£110,907	

**PART III—SUMMARY**

1956-57		£	£	1956-57		£	£
£				£			
19,920	Excess of Ordinary Expenditure over Ordinary Income transferred from Part I ... ..		48,344	607,170	Balance at 31st March, 1957 ... ..		622,144
—	Loss on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments ... ..	48,462		49,073	Excess of Extraordinary Income over Extraordinary Expenditure transferred from Part II ... ..		65,820
—	Less : Transfer of the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments ... ..	17,392		17,392	Gain on Revaluation of General Charity Fund Investments ... ..		—
			31,070	17,392	Less : Transfer to the Reserve for Fluctuation in Investments ... ..		—
50,000	Transfer to Reserve for Talking Book Development ... ..		—	35,821	Transfer from Earmarked Funds to meet Expenditure chargeable thereto ... ..		28,140
622,144	Balance at 31st March, 1958, to Balance Sheet		636,690				
£692,061			£716,104	£692,061			£716,104

**SCHEDULE  
SERVICES TO THE BLIND**

1956-57				1957-58		
Expenditure £	Income £	Net Cost £		Expenditure £	Income £	Net Cost £
<b>Summary of Homes and Schools Accounts</b>				<b>Summary of Homes and Schools Accounts</b>		
96,874	60,476	36,398	Blind Babies Homes ... ..	107,106	63,599	43,507
39,882	31,814	8,068	Condover Special School ... ..	41,804	34,079	7,725
28,342	24,639	3,703	Worcester College ... ..	31,375	25,679	5,696
31,829	25,976	5,853	Chorleywood College ... ..	31,860	27,387	4,473
13,073	10,423	2,650	Vocational Assessment Centre ... ..	13,118	11,425	1,693
15,353	11,004	4,349	Physiotherapy School ... ..	14,928	11,615	3,313
16,048	10,121	5,927	Shorthand, Typing and Telephony School	16,007	9,423	6,584
40,287	28,816	11,471	Homes of Rehabilitation ... ..	41,738	32,678	9,060
104,460	75,303	29,157	Other Homes and Hostels ... ..	109,971	73,239	36,732
386,148	278,572	107,576		407,907	289,124	118,783
<b>Summary of General Services Accounts</b>				<b>Summary of General Services Accounts</b>		
72,797	26,870	45,927	Braille and other Publications ... ..	81,018	26,994	54,024
11,620	621	10,999	Students' Library ... ..	12,705	742	11,963
66,488	45,986	20,502	Apparatus ... ..	67,303	45,515	21,788
50,062	37,087	12,975	Nuffield Talking Book Library ... ..	56,572	33,849	22,723
8,378	3,066	5,312	Clinic of Physiotherapy ... ..	8,969	3,319	5,650
25,140	17,924	7,216	Placement in Industry ... ..	25,477	18,722	6,755
234,485	131,554	102,931		252,044	129,141	122,903
<b>Summary of Trading Activities Accounts</b>				<b>Summary of Trading Activities Accounts</b>		
60,343	58,961	1,382	Home Industries ... ..	59,230	56,685	2,545
98,244	100,500	— 2,256	Kiosks ... ..	95,798	97,302	— 1,504
158,587	159,461	— 874		155,028	153,987	1,041
779,220	569,587	209,633	<b>Grand Totals</b> ... ..	814,979	572,252	242,727



# ENDOWMENTS

	£	s.	d.
<b>General Account</b>			
The Leopold Salomon's Endowment Fund ... ..	8,946	0	0
The H. F. Bailey Bequest ... ..	8,855	18	8
The Miss Constance de Jong Bequest ... ..	6,988	6	7
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund ... ..	6,721	12	5
The East London Home and School for the Blind Endowment ... ..	6,306	12	11
The Sir Beachcroft Towse Memorial Fund ... ..	4,428	12	9
The William Brown Hextall Bequest ... ..	3,365	6	1
The W.J.C. Trust Fund ... ..	2,711	13	2
The John Rae Campbell Endowment Fund ... ..	1,820	14	7
The Rev. F. J. Hackett Bequest ... ..	1,717	15	11
The Nuffield Endowment ... ..	1,663	15	2
The Miss Irene Constance Wood Bequest ... ..	1,365	13	9
The Donald and Rosie Alderson Bequest ... ..	1,000	0	0
The Mary Shaw Bequest ... ..	883	11	3
The Sir Alfred Jones Bequest ... ..	866	8	9
The Hornshaw Endowment ... ..	798	18	3
The George Fergus Graham Fund ... ..	781	10	0
The Thomas Wilson Bequest ... ..	742	6	1
The Miss F. W. Dunn Bequest ... ..	688	8	2
The Phare de France Endowment ... ..	683	1	2
The Miss E. A. Black Bequest ... ..	588	10	2
The Rose Gay Bequest, 1858-1931 ... ..	570	15	5
The Hextall Fund for Blind Law Students ... ..	526	9	0
The Mrs. Sarah Jane Little Bequest ... ..	517	7	3
The Misses E. and A. Snape Bequest ... ..	455	4	7
The Mrs. Rachel Stanley Bequest ... ..	431	5	7
The Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkham Bequest ... ..	429	14	3
The George Cook Memorial Endowment ... ..	374	5	4
The Blind Social Aid Society Fund ... ..	349	4	2
The Henry Heskell David Bequest ... ..	348	8	11
The Miss Constance Harvie Bequest ... ..	334	7	10
The Alma Marvin Bequest ... ..	236	5	2
The George Cowieson Bequest ... ..	213	16	11
Proceeds of Sale of 9 Oval Road, London ... ..	184	15	10
The J. J. Crossfield Bequest ... ..	166	11	2
The Frederick James Overton Bequest ... ..	155	12	0
The Old Congleton Farmers Dance Committee Endowment ... ..	141	4	9
The Sir John Howard Bequest ... ..	136	12	3
The Alfred Sawyer Bequest ... ..	111	11	4
The Mrs. Ralph Partridge Bequest ... ..	100	3	0
The Shrimati Shevihal Tola Ram Warandani Bequest ... ..	77	16	0
The Doctor Howell Rees Bequest ... ..	73	18	10
The Henry Ireland Bequest ... ..	71	0	10
The J. W. Comben Bequest ... ..	64	18	5
The Louis Sterne Bequest ... ..	40	17	2
The Miss Mary Jesson Bequest ... ..	18	10	6
The Mrs. J. Rainsforth Bequest ... ..	6	14	11
	68,062	7	3

## Residential Home for Blind Men and Women, Westgate-on-Sea

	£	s.	d.
The Harry Urnson Hayes Fund ... ..	1,435	18	9
The Miss A. V. Allpress Endowment Fund ... ..	649	1	3
	2,085	0	0

## Chorleywood College

	£	s.	d.
The William Brown Hextall Scholarship ... ..	2,805	15	6
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest (After-Care) ... ..	1,924	17	10
The Nuffield Endowment Fund ... ..	1,332	17	4
Fees Endowment Fund ... ..	933	2	2
The James Gilbertson Bequest ... ..	429	0	3
The E. P. Hatschek Prize Fund ... ..	100	0	0

7,525 13 1

## Fellowship House, Hoylake

	£	s.	d.
National Deaf-Blind Helpers' League ... ..	756	0	1

## Convalescent and Holiday Home, St. Leonard's

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Laing Bequest ... ..	777	11	9

## SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

	£	s.	d.
<b>General Account</b>			
The Miss Susan A. Davey Bequest ... ..	600	0	0
The James Attfield Bequest ... ..	148	12	1
The Lewis Maulkin King Bequest ... ..	67	15	1
The Mr. A. R. Edwards Bequest ... ..	17	15	2
	834	2	4

## Blind Babies' Home, East Grinstead

	£	s.	d.
The John Henry Howard Davy Trust ... ..	3,566	13	1
The "Dancing Times" Endowment ... ..	1,785	14	3
The Margaret Vogan Endowment ... ..	785	2	8
The Hornshaw Endowment ... ..	655	0	0
The Eliza and John Frederick Bequest ... ..	540	10	11
The Anthony Clouston Partridge Endowment ... ..	446	19	5
The Mrs. A. R. Edwards Bequest ... ..	444	7	4
The Miss A. D. Spiers Bequest ... ..	444	7	4
The Mrs. F. Marks Bequest ... ..	386	2	3
The Mrs. Lucy Block Bequest ... ..	335	4	4
The T. G. Sorby Bequest ... ..	129	2	4
The Miss Vaughan Chapman Bequest ... ..	84	1	10
The "Sunday League" Endowment ... ..	37	11	4
	9,640	17	1

## Blind Babies' Home, Southport

	£	s.	d.
The Jessie Bell Airey Cot ... ..	1,765	10	5
The Mr. and Mrs. Evan Mathews Bequest ... ..	813	11	3
The Esther Frances Levy Bequest ... ..	785	2	8
The Ernest Hallowell Barlow Bequest ... ..	523	8	11
The James Gilbertson Bequest ... ..	429	0	3
The Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest ... ..	89	12	10
The Mrs. H. R. Graves Bequest ... ..	74	6	2
	4,480	12	6

## Blind Babies' Home, Northwood

	£	s.	d.
Bundles for Britain, Inc., Niagara Falls, New York, U.S.A., and Daughters of St. George, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada ... ..	374	10	8

## Blind Babies' Home, Pirates Spring, New Romney

	£	s.	d.
The John Wade Bequest ... ..	389	0	2

## Blind Babies' Home, Overley Hall

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Frances Marsh Endowment ... ..	683	1	2

## Blind Babies' Home, Southerndown

	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. G. M. Rees Endowment ... ..	748	10	9

## Blind Babies' Home, Kingswinford

	£	s.	d.
The Gyde Charity Endowment ... ..	804	13	11

TOTAL ... .. £97,162 0 9